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Ms. Alexis Strauss
Acting Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX
75 Hawthorne St. (OPA-3)
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Ms. Strauss,

I am writing to inquire into the status of Union Pacific Railroad trains idling in the southern section of the City of San Luis Obispo near residential neighborhoods, as it pertains to air quality.

Numerous constituents have contacted my office regarding this issue and I subsequently inquired with the City of San Luis Obispo and the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District about a proposed resolution.

I understand that a joint-partnership resolution of installing an air compressor at that location to enable the brakes to be charged would improve the situation by eliminating the need for train engines to idle.

Residents raised concerns with my office that the resolution was delayed and fear complaints about impacts to their air quality are being ignored.

Again, I am writing for an update to the status of a possible resolution.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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SALUD CARBAJAL Member of Congress